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Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSTANT ONLINE POSTAGE  
METERING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified continuation patent application as specified below. Attached are:

- 1.) Amendments to the Specification;
- 2.) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 3.) Remarks.